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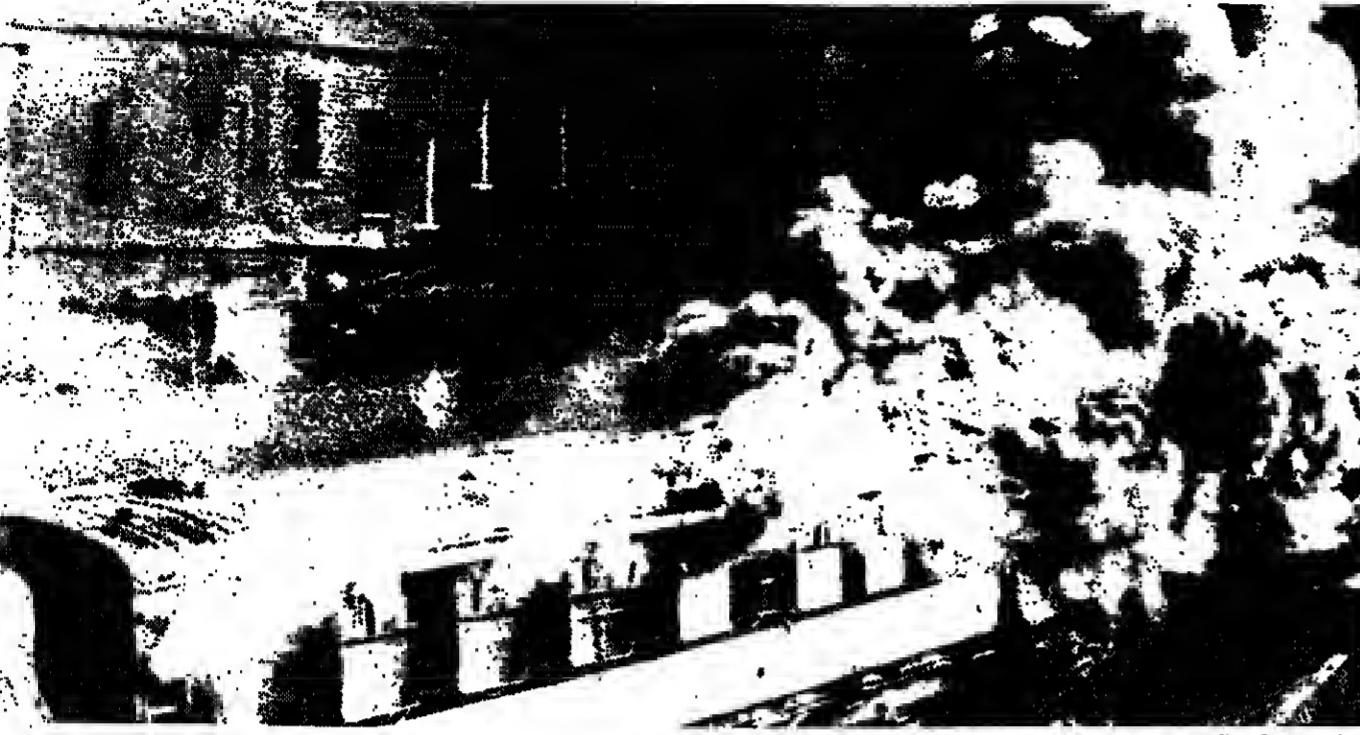
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Smoke and flames pour from the Dublin-Belfast "Shopper's Express" after several bombs exploded on board.

Passenger Killed, 3 Seriously Injured

Bombs Explode on Dublin-Belfast Express

DUBLIN, Oct. 12 (UPI) — Four bombs exploded today in quick succession on the crowded Dublin-Belfast "Shopper's Express" just before it pulled into Belfast's busy central station, killing one passenger and seriously injuring three others, police said.

Police blamed the IRA's Provisional Wing for the attack on the

seven-car train. Thirty persons were treated at hospitals for superficial cuts and bruises. They were later released.

The blasts rocked the middle three cars and set them afire as the morning "Shopper's Express" — carrying many women on shopping trips to Belfast — pulled out of Belfast's Botanic station, two miles

before its scheduled stop at Central Station.

Bombs exploded in a dining car and a lavatory, witnesses said. The driver slammed on the brakes and a passenger yanked the emergency cord. Two more bombs exploded as passengers jumped from the burning cars.

Passengers, many bleeding,

stumbled along the tracks onto a main road where they waved down passing cars to take them to hospitals.

Lord Killanin, president of the International Olympic Committee, was among the passengers, but he managed to get off the burning train unharmed.

"One woman was covered in blood and people were shouting for help and crying for nurses and doctors," said Colum Keane, who boarded the train in Dublin along with 150 others.

"There was panic everywhere," he said. "It was terrible."

As firemen fought the blaze, nurses and doctors ran onto the tracks to help the injured, witnesses said.

Reporter Ann McCarty, the Belfast correspondent for the Guardian, was aboard one of the damaged cars. "Sections of the carriage about 8 feet long were blasted away completely," she said. "At least three women were buried [on that car], two of them seriously."

Anonymous Warning

Two hours after the train left Dublin, an anonymous caller telephoned the Samaritan Organization — a hotline service for persons in distress — and warned that 10 bombs had been placed aboard, timed to go off as it pulled into Central Station, 25 minutes later.

Police went to the tracks but the train was late, which prevented the explosions from causing more casualties at the crowded central depot.

Every ambulance available in Belfast and private cars took the injured to two of the city's biggest hospitals: The City Hospital near the scene of the explosion and Royal Victoria Hospital, where special emergency services were set up to handle the victims.

Two hours after the train attack, a bomb exploded in a railway signal box four miles south of Belfast at Dunnington. A warning had been telephoned to the Samaritans and the area was cleared. The blast destroyed the box, but no one was injured.

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Carter Vows Central Mideast Role

Egypt-Israel Treaty Talks Start With 'Good Progress'

By Fred Farris

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (IHT) — President Carter, opening peace-treaty talks here between Egypt and Israel, gave new guarantees today of a central U.S. role in settlement of both the West Bank and Sinai problems in the Middle East.

"The United States is committed, without reservation, to seeing this process through until each party is at peace with all the others," Mr. Carter said at a White House ceremony opening the negotiations.

A spokesman said "good progress was made" after the opening sessions at Blair House, the heavily guarded VIP residence where U.S., Israeli and Egyptian envoys gathered to turn the Camp David summit accords into a spokesman.

The spokesman said the three delegations conferred as a group for well over two hours, including a 75-minute working lunch. The Israeli and Egyptian delegations also met separately with U.S. negotiators before the talks recessed for the evening.

Speaking after meeting with the two delegation chiefs, U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said it was a "good meeting." Asked if substantive progress was made, he replied "yes".

The president invited Jordan, the Palestinian Arabs and "others" to join the peace process stemming from the Camp David accords, despite the denunciations of the agreements by some Arab states and the reluctance of others to become involved.

Mr. Carter said the goal of the peace process is "to make peace and dignity a reality for all the people in the Middle East."

While Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said his government hoped the negotiations finally would produce a peace treaty with Egypt, the head of the Egyptian delegation, Kamal Hassan Ali, stressed that an ultimate settlement must secure "the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and enable them to play a constructive role in the Middle East."

Mr. Ali, the new defense minister in President Anwar Sadat's government, said Egypt would encourage other Arab governments to join in the search for an overall settlement.

He expressed Egypt's view that the United States is responsible for making sure that a comprehensive settlement in all its parts is the final result of the Camp David accords. He called Mr. Carter "a full partner" in the quest.

Both Mr. Dayan and Mr. Ali, as well as Mr. Carter, referred to obstacles still in the way of agreement as the two Mideast delegations, under U.S. sponsorship, prepared to begin formal talks on an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty at Blair House.

Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who negotiated the first Egyptian-Israeli agreement, attended the ceremony as a guest. He called the Camp David and Blair House negotiations "the breakthrough toward general peace in the Middle East."

Mr. Kissinger said, "It seems to me all the essential issues have been settled and all that's left is the details."

The talks are expected to continue here for perhaps two weeks, with the

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President Carter applauds as Israel's Moshe Dayan, left, shakes hands with Egypt's Kamel Hassan Ali.

Associated Press

Sarkis Returns From Arab Tour

Firing Sporadic in Beirut as Hope of Pact Reported

BEIRUT, Oct. 12 (UPI) — Sporadic shell and sniper bursts strained Beirut's "very precarious" cease-fire today but President Elias Sarkis returned from an Arab diplomatic tour with hope of ending the city's worst violence ever.

A newspaper close to the Syrian government said that Mr. Sarkis and Damascus had tentatively settled on a detailed plan for ending eight months of fighting between Syrian troops and Christian rightist militias. The clashes earlier this week in fighting areas were more intense than that of the 1973-1976 civil war.

Syrian President Hafez al-Assad said that Mr. Sarkis "did not leave

empty-handed" from talks during the last week in Damascus, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait and Jordan.

A senior United Nations envoy,

Sadriddin Aga Khan, referring to the rifle, machine-guns and occasional shell bursts that continued to plague the Christian eastern sector of Beirut to Christian areas of the north, witnesses said. There was also sniper fire along the dividing line between the east and the mainly Moslem western part of the city.

No casualty figures were available.

Near the Christian southerly suburb of Sin el-Fil, an explosive shell fired by snipers set a parked car afire.

Before dawn, occasional shells also landed in east Beirut, witnesses said.

Hard-Line Position

Bashir Gemayel, the commander of the main Christian militia, said that he still saw neither "how nor why" he should negotiate with the Syrians and said that his men

could keep Syria from "occupying Lebanon."

He charged that the Syrians were using the truce to reinforce.

But the militia commander and other hardliners like former President Camille Chamoun have long been in conflict with a large modern army strain within the Christian rightist community. Political and diplomatic sources said that the apparent willingness of the Syrians to soften their negotiating stand on the troop presence in Christian areas would be likely to bring international Christian pressure on the hard-line leadership to seek a peaceful solution.

Mr. Assad, shortly before Mr. Sarkis left for Beirut, said that he believed that the militias were trying to exempt themselves from Mr. Sarkis' authority.

"We support Sarkis," he said, adding, "that [militia] faction trying to complicate the security situation in Lebanon for the legitimate authorities has to help these authorities in the interest of all Lebanese."

Smith Would Meet Rebels Without 'Preconditions'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (IHT) — Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith said today that he is willing to meet with guerrilla leaders "with absolutely no preconditions" at an all-party conference on Rhodesia's future.

"The only precondition is that there be no precondition. What we are objecting to is preconditions from the United States and its black associates in the transitional regime to the United States."

He explained following a meeting with members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the dismantling of Rhodesian security forces and the imposition of a British high commissioner over Rhodesia.

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Mr. Smith has resisted the all-party-conference concept because such a meeting would include the guerrilla leaders, whom Mr. Smith

repeated his determination to hold elections in Rhodesia in order to install a black government in the country.

Senator Impressed

Sen. Richard Stone, D-Fla., said that he had been "impressed" by Mr. Smith's presentation to the Foreign Relations Committee. Sen. Stone was not among the 27 senators who had invited Mr. Smith and his black associates in the transitional regime to the United States.

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2 Americans, a Swiss Win Nobel Prize for Medicine

For Work With Genes

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 12 (UPI) — Two Americans and a Swiss shared the Nobel Prize for Medicine today for their genetic work, which may lead to the unfolding of the secret of life and may eventually aid in preventing cancer, birth defects, hereditary diseases and malformations.

The Karolinska Institute awarded the 725,000 kronor (\$165,000) prize to Dr. Werner Arber of the University of Basel and to Dr. Daniel Nathans and Dr. Hamilton Smith, both of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. For the discovery of restriction enzymes and their application to problems of molecular genetics.

Dr. Arber, 49, discovered restriction enzymes, which control the linkage of various genes on a chromosome. They provide "chemical knives" that cut genes into defined fragments. Enzymes are catalysts that control every chemical reaction in every cell of the body from molecular genetics.

Dr. Smith, 47, a biochemist, proved Dr. Arber's theories separately, and Dr. Nathans pioneered



Dr. Daniel Nathans



Dr. Werner Arber

the secret of cell differentiation, one of the secrets of life explaining what makes a fertilized cell develop into a human being with limbs and complete internal organs," said Prof. Rolf Lof of the Karolinska Institute. "It is impossible to demand, however, that today's patients shall have immediate benefits

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Financing of Resort Project Viewed as Effort to Spy on China**A Soviet Bank's Bid Fuels Suspicions in Hong Kong**

By Jay Matthews

HONG KONG, Oct. 12 (UPI) — The scheme of a Soviet-owned bank to finance secretly a major development at China's back door has fallen through, producing investigations of other Soviet activities here and initiating far-flung court battles.

Financial experts and diplomats still wonder whether the plan of the Moscow Narodny bank to finance a 1,500-acre resort development on Lantao island here was a premeditated effort to infiltrate Hong Kong and spy on China or just an unfortunate financial blunder.

Loan Foreclosures

Moscow Narodny, backed by capital from a number of Soviet financial institutions, has been headquartered in London since 1919 but did not become a force in Southeast Asia until it opened a branch office in Singapore in 1971. Businessmen and bank statements say that soon after its opening the branch began to make a flurry of loans to land developers throughout the area, including financier Edward Wong Wing Cheung, who wanted to turn a chunk of largely rural Lantao into a vacation spa.

Then in 1975 and 1976, the Soviet bank, in response to a sudden collapse in land values, foreclosed on many of its loans, forcing bor-

rowers to surrender property. Businessmen and bankers said that the bank eventually gained control of more than 1 million square feet of land in Singapore and a majority interest in the Lantao project.

Sources here close to Chinese government officials, whose anti-Soviet policies are religiously observed by Hong Kong's British authorities, say that the scheme was designed to give Soviet agents a vantage point near the mouth of China's Pearl River and to subvert overseas Chinese businessmen for use later against China. The sources say that the Russians are pursuing other land schemes here.

Bankers and financial experts here and in Singapore scoff at the conspiracy theory. They argue that the whole mess arose from the ambitions and bad luck of a Chinese executive in the bank's Singapore office and the failure of the branch's general manager, a Russian, to rein in his subordinate's aggressive loan policy.

The Chinese executive, Teo Poh Kong, became manager and adviser at the bank the day it opened. The Far Eastern Economic Review quoted him as telling friends, "I'm going to show this town what a real

Postal Strike
Called in France

PARIS, Oct. 12 (IHT) — Amid growing industrial unrest in France, post office unions have called for strikes to protest a proposed postal reorganization.

The major postal unions last night called for a daylong general strike on Oct. 25, saying that proposed automation would hurt the service and increase delays.

A series of stoppages in local post offices in recent weeks has disrupted postal services and last night the main sorting office in Paris stopped work, threatening to bring postal services in the capital to a halt in a few days.

**Treaty Against Use of Weather
In Warfare Goes Into Effect**

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 12 (API) — The United Nations announced yesterday that an international treaty against weather warfare had gone into effect.

The Legal Office said the convention on the prohibition of military or any other hostile use of environmental modification techniques entered into force when Laos ratified it last week.

The convention, which required ratification by 20 nations to become effective, aims to outlaw the employment in war of such practices as rainmaking, setting off earthquakes or starting tidal waves. The United States has not yet ratified it.

Environmental modification techniques are defined as any method of changing — through the deliberate manipulation of natural processes — the dynamics, composition or structure of the earth, including living things, rocks, water and air, or of outer space.

The treaty originated as a Soviet proposal and was approved by the General Assembly in December, 1976.

Besides Laos, the countries that have ratified it are Britain, Spain, Denmark, Finland, Cyprus, Tunisia, Ghana, Yemen, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, the Soviet Union, Belorussia, the Ukraine, Poland, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria and Cuba.

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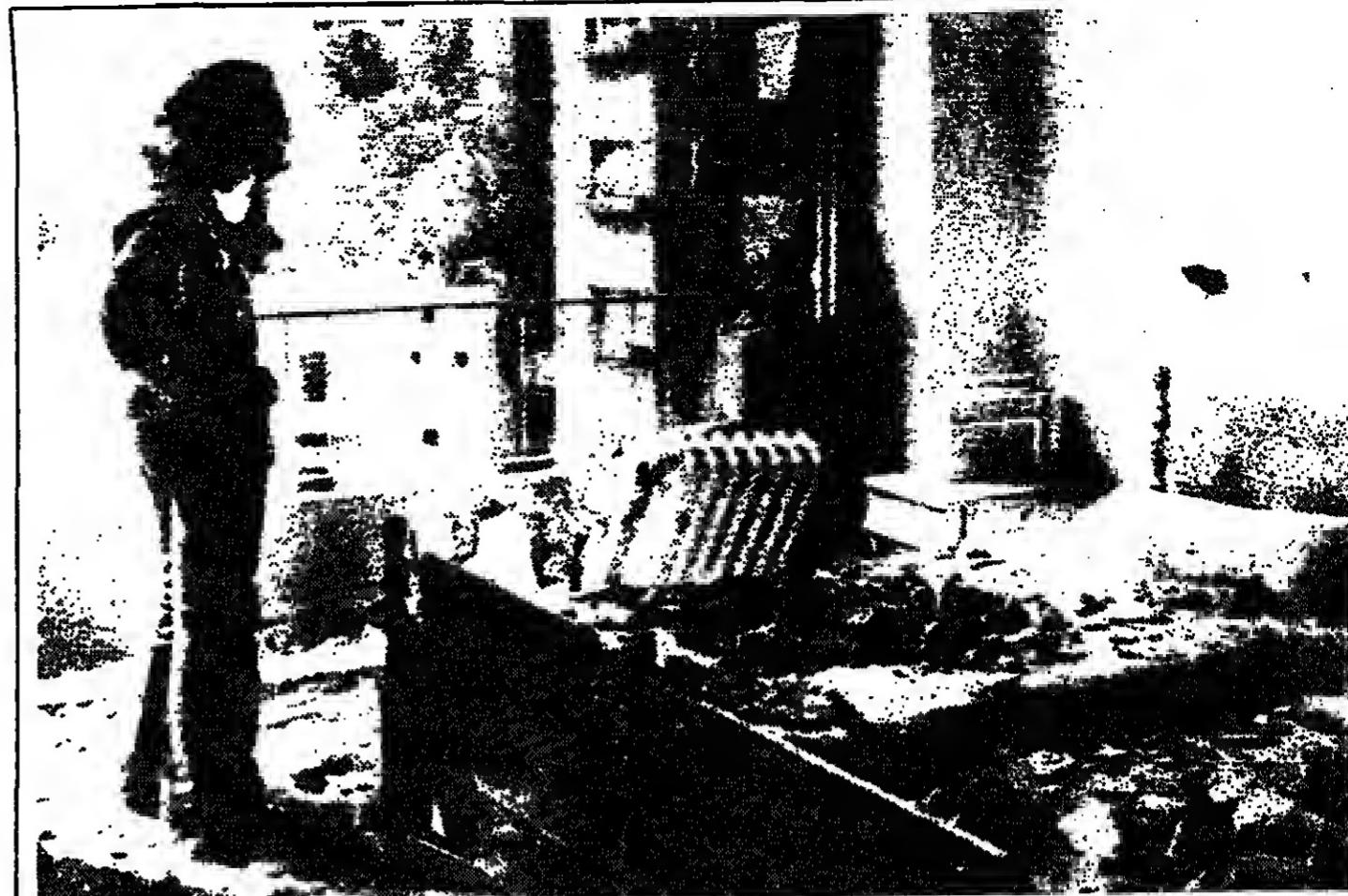


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SURVEYING THE DAMAGE IN BEIRUT — Farida Khatar, an east Beirut Maronite Christian and an employee of the West German airline Lufthansa, stands in what remains of her apartment after it was hit by rocket fire in the

fighting between Christian militia units and Syrian troops. Sporadic firing continued today in Lebanon, straining what was described as a "very precarious" cease-fire, as President Elias Sarkis returned home from talks with Arab leaders.

City Is Calm After Clashes**Press Shutdown in Tehran Continues Second Day**

From Wire Dispatches

TEHRAN, Oct. 12 — The Iranian capital was without newspapers again today as journalists continued their strike to protest the sudden imposition of press censorship by military authorities.

The new civilian government of Premier Jaafar Sharif-Emami has pledged press freedom, but Tehran's military governor yesterday dispatched two army officers to two leading newspapers to censor stories and photographs.

The newspapers Kayhan and Ettelaat were shut down and five other dailies have ceased publication in solidarity.

Editors and publishers today met with the premier to resolve the impasse between the press and the military, which has further undermined confidence among Iranians that the government's commitment to liberalization, started last year, is genuine.

The overnight curfew, meanwhile, restored calm to Tehran today after clashes between security units and student demonstrators in which three youths died, according to witnesses.

The military, which removed most of its armor from the streets last night, maintained light patrols. There were no reports of fresh incidents, but the press strike blocked out news of anti-government protests, which opposition sources said had continued yesterday in several towns.

Troops and police yesterday fired on several thousand demonstrators who converged on a mosque near Tehran University, apparently to hold a communal prayer for recent riot victims.

The latest round of disturbances was sparked by a series of general strikes, which have continued despite some reports of coercion by the authorities to get people back to work.

Many government employees, doctors and the nation's postal workers remained on strike despite a government pledge to raise salaries by 25 percent by March. Train services resumed yesterday afternoon when 35,000 railroadmen ended their strike after officials agreed to pay hikes. Radio Iran said.

Under Article 8 of the martial-law decree, the military authorities can censor press reports considered harmful to the peace and stability of the nation.

Martial law was imposed last month by the Sharif-Emami gov-

ernment to quell civil unrest, which had left more than 1,000 persons dead since January, when anti-government groups took to the streets and clashed with security forces.

Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi announced last year a liberalization policy which has seen the lifting of bans on political parties, the end of the indirect press censorship the regime had exercised and the scheduling of free general elections for next year.

Since the spring, newspapers

have given prominent play to opposition demands, the spreading strikes by government employees and battles between security forces and dissidents throughout the country.

As a show of intent, Mr. Sharif-

Emami last month unveiled a press bill that reiterated constitutional guarantees of press freedom. It was

presented to journalists for com-

ment before introduction in the

parliament for ratification.

The bill was ordered withdrawn

Less Costly Missions**Carter Scales Down Priorities for Space**

By Robert C. Toth

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 — The late House released a detailed statement yesterday of its space policy for the next decade in which it proposes rejecting spectacular, risky missions in favor of unmanned scientific exploration and practical applications of existing technology.

Even this modest program is denied only adequate funding in a policy statement. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's budget, now \$4.3 billion, may shrink significantly when spending for its biggest project, the shuttle, tails off, the document suggests.

The statement also indicates that military and civilian projects would increasingly consolidate when possible to save money and increase efficiency.

The statement, which expands on Oct. 1 speech by President Carter at Cape Canaveral, Fla., reflects a far more conservative space policy than those of the president's predecessors.

Policies of Predecessors

Former President John F. Kennedy committed the United States to put men on the moon. Former President Richard M. Nixon directed development of the reusable shuttle-spacecraft program, with a cost that approached \$10 billion.

But the economic health of the nation and the mood of the people are different today, said Frank Press, the president's science adviser and chairman of the presidential review committee whose four-month study formed the basis of Mr. Carter's space policy statement.

"Nobody in Congress or the federal government or the public has put forward a case for a U.S.-manned Mars mission," Mr. Press said. "And the Soviets decide to spend \$70 billion to land men on Mars in five years, we say: God bless them."

There have been hints that the current intensive series of Soviet manned flights is aimed at a Mars mission. Soviet cosmonauts have spent record times of 96 days and, currently, 117 days in an orbiting space station that has been resupplied three times. A Mars mission probably will be preceded by thorough manned exploration of the moon and use of the lunar surface as a jumping-off base.

Three Tenets

The White House statement on civil space policy proposes three basic tenets:

• The activities "will reflect a balanced strategy of applications, government persistence and technology development" they are going to.

• Activities will be pursued in space, not just because space is there to be explored, but "when it appears that national objectives can be most effectively met" by conducting them in space.

• It is neither feasible nor nec-

essary at this time to commit the United States to a high-challenge space engineering initiative comparable to Apollo. As the resources and manpower requirements for shuttle development phase down, we will have the flexibility to give greater attention to new space applications and explorations, continue programs at present levels, or contract them. To meet the objectives specified above, an adequate federal budget commitment will be made."

Other high-cost projects rejected by Mr. Carter include space colonization, space manufacturing and solar-power satellites.

The solar-power system, which its champions say would be the answer to the energy crisis, would cost an estimated \$100 billion. Satellites would collect solar energy and convert it into microwaves that would be beamed down to giant receivers and turned into electricity.

The policy statement also moves away from NASA's image as a solely peaceful agency. When it was created 20 years ago, NASA was purposely set apart from military activities in space. Its space shuttle, however, is now programmed to carry secret Pentagon payloads and military pilots, as well as scientific instruments and NASA astronauts.

Some Sharing

In the future, the civilian and military agencies will share the same weather satellites and probably ocean surveillance satellites. Each agency will have separate communication channels to transmit data from their instruments on board.

"I see no objection," said Mr. Press, "if efficiency improves and we get more for our money, provided NASA remains an open agency, with all its data being made public. It will remain open, and all data will be open."

Mr. Carter rejected proposals to establish an operational Landsat system whose photographs of earth have been widely hailed.

The policy statement promises to continue providing data from the present experimental Landsats, run by NASA, to anyone wishing to buy them. It directs a continuing review of the technology and market demand for the data by government and private groups.

But indications are that only when and if enough commercial companies put up enough money — an operational Landsat system will cost \$70 million to \$200 million — will the federal government consider expanding the present system into an operational network.

Communication satellites receive significant support in the policy statement. NASA is authorized to resume research on such craft, and the Department of Commerce is ordered to study and stimulate public-service use of these satellites for education, health and basic communications needs in remote areas of the country.

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PHILIPPINE FLOOD — Teachers from an elementary school in the Manila suburb of Taguig wade through chest-deep water trying to salvage bookcases and supplies from their flooded school. Many parts of Taguig remained under water two days after a tropical storm.

Council Charges 'Neglect' of Blacks, Women**Job Bias Found in Southern U.S. Courts**

By Jeff Prugh

ATLANTA, Oct. 12 — Fourteen years after the 1964 Civil Rights Act, federal courts in the South engage in employment discrimination that reflects "dismal, shameful neglect" of blacks and women, said a report issued yesterday by the nonprofit Southern Regional Council.

The 10-month study reports that in 11 Southern states, where blacks make up 20 percent of the population, district and circuit courts have perpetuated "shadows of segregation" at all levels of employment.

The report also stated that Southern federal courts have black employment of only 6 percent, calling it an "astonishingly slow gain" from 2 percent in a council survey in 1965, when the number of federal court jobs in the region (1,479) was nearly half of what it is today (2,954).

Only one of 112 federal district judges in the South is black, the report showed. It added that none of the 26 circuit judges in the region is black and that there are no black full-time magistrates or U.S. district or circuit clerks. Only one U.S. attorney and three U.S. marshals are black, it said.

No Blacks At All

Two Southern federal district courts — in Fort Smith, Ark., and Roanoke, Va. — have no black personnel, while nine of the region's 29 district courts have no blacks in professional positions, the report showed.

Women fared slightly better in low-level clerical, secretarial and library jobs, the study showed, but the number of women in court positions did not reflect their presence in the labor force. Only 9 percent of higher-level positions and 2 percent of Southern federal district judgeships are occupied by women, the report stated. No women hold professional positions in district courts in Macon, Ga., and Oxford, Miss., the report said.

"There probably are more white males who are qualified, but that does not mean that there are not just as many blacks and women we want to appoint who are equally qualified," said Steve Suitts, the council's executive director, at a news conference.

Lack of Clout Seen

The report by the Atlanta-based council — which since 1944 has strived to promote equal opportunity for blacks and whites in the South — called on President Carter and U.S. senators to appoint qualified blacks and women to fill a large number of the 60 judgeships created in the South by a recent law that will add 152 federal judgeships across the nation.

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any clout."

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Plattdeutsch Makes Comeback

North Germans Celebrate Their Private Language

HAMBURG, Oct. 12 (UPI) — Barbed wire and armed guards divide Germany into East and West, while something called "Plattdeutsch" divides the country into north and south.

This linguistic barrier runs in a distinctive line, with a few dips and exceptions, from Aachen in the west, across the border into East Germany up to Rostock and a bit beyond.

Obviously much easier to cross than the barbed wire, it nevertheless has its hazards of its own. One of these is to define Plattdeutsch as simply yet another regional or local dialect. It takes a lot to ruffle a north German — but this will do it.

To him, and linguists support this, Plattdeutsch, or "low German," is a separate language, with its own grammar, syntax and pronunciation. Most north Germans are quite happy to know that the rest of their countrymen cannot understand it.

Prominent Speaker

Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, who was born and still lives in Hamburg, is the country's most prominent *platzendecker* (speaker of "plat"), sprinkling it liberally into his speeches in northern Germany.

Guenther Harte, who speaks and teaches it in Hamburg, says Plattdeutsch is an old language that failed to develop. It remained the language of peasants and workers, as the more educated Germans turned to Hochdeutsch or High German.

Ten years ago, Plattdeutsch was in such a sickly state that its early demise was predicted. But the current wave of nostalgia and the energetic prodding of a few linguists in northern Germany resurrected it. Today, the language is everywhere.

Automobile stickers proclaim "Wi snackt platt" (We speak platt). The Hamburg public transport system cautions sneaky travelers who have failed to buy a ticket, "Wi snappet di doch. (We'll catch you anyway).

Radio Bremen has started regular newscasts in Plattdeutsch. In Hamburg, radio listeners get five minutes of platt every morning. A big Hamburg newspaper recently ran a two-month course to teach the rudiments of platt at the quidies, the newcomers to the north.

New Dictionary

The University of Hamburg has a department of Plattdeutsch, where Prof. Juergen Meiers is compiling a new dictionary of platt. He is asking north Germans to contribute by helping with terms and definitions. He has already filed 80,000 index cards with such information.

Prof. Meiers works closely with the Institute for Plattdeutsch in Bremen, which devotes part of its time to answering questions from the public and part to hunting down the origins of words and tracing their development over the centuries.

An institute survey shows that in the north German region, 76 percent of the population either speak or at least understand Plattdeutsch.

Schools in northern Germany sponsor Plattdeutsch reading competitions. Parents give their babies Plattdeutsch names, such as Hinrich, Inken and Treske. In many rural families, platt is the household language, with children growing up bilingual, in Low and High German.

The Hamburg Opera has performed Weber's "Freischuetz" in platt. Theaters perform in platt, sometimes drawing on English plays, which are translated first into High German and then into platt.

Hamburg Debate

Political parties run part of their campaigns in Plattdeutsch. The Hamburg city parliament debated, occasionally in platt, the pros and cons of increasing funds to support research and promotion of platt.

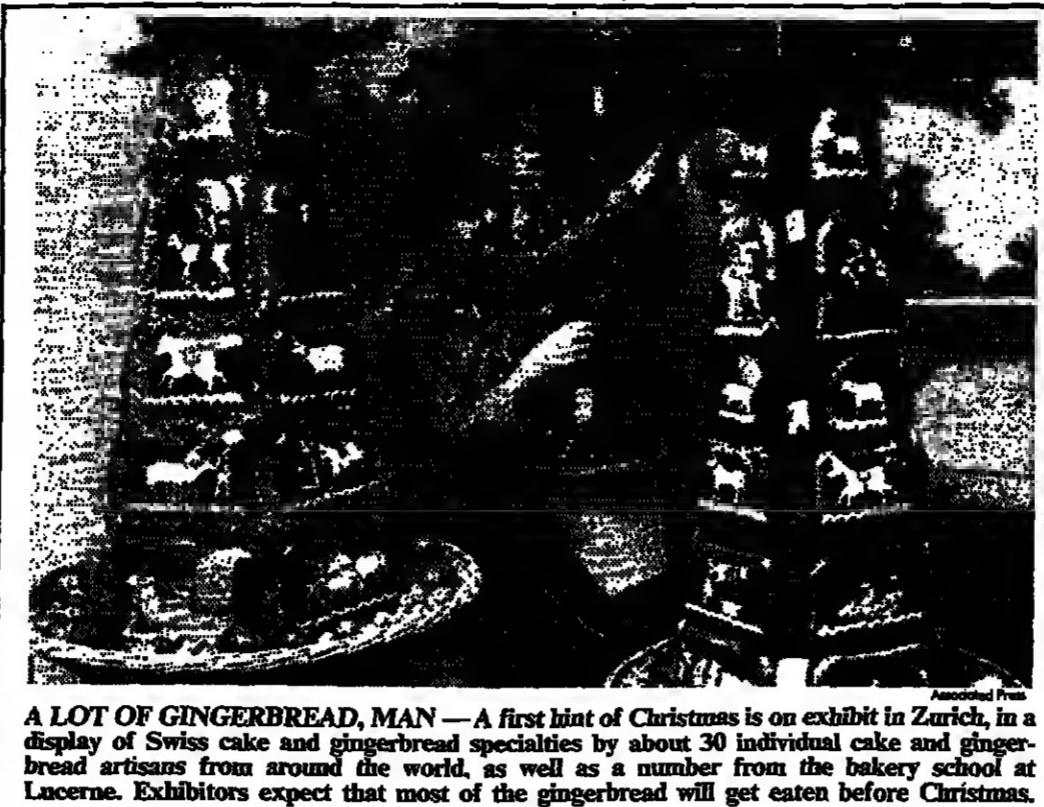
Plattdeutsch has its own songs, its own literature. Germans are beginning to realize that some of their best authors, including Theodor Storm and Fritz Reuter, wrote at least some of their novels in platt.

Platt has also won a special place in the Protestant Church in northern Germany. Attendance at one church picked up when a young pastor named Dirk Roemmer began to speak platt from the pulpit a few years ago. His superiors, skeptical at first, applauded the step when they saw Mr. Roemmer's crowded church Sunday after Sunday. Other pastors followed his example. They now hold regular Plattdeutsch conferences. A growing number of persons request Plattdeutsch sermons at weddings, baptisms and burials.

A number of parishes now will hire a new pastor only if he speaks platt reasonably well.

"We need Plattdeutsch in this modern day and age, because it goes straight to the heart," says Mr. Roemmer. "Platt allows you to express your feelings; it makes good use of humor and it does not lend itself to complicated sentences that hide the real meaning of what the person is trying to say."

"We who love platt are happy to see that so many people now appreciate platt as a warm and honest means of communication."



A LOT OF GINGERBREAD, MAN — A first hint of Christmas is on exhibit in Zurich, in a display of Swiss cake and gingerbread specialties by about 30 individual cake and gingerbread artisans from around the world, as well as a number from the bakery school at Lierne. Exhibitors expect that most of the gingerbread will get eaten before Christmas.

U.S. Suggests Russians Buy More Wheat, Corn

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (AP) — Saddled with huge supplies of wheat and corn, the United States gave the Soviet Union the go-ahead yesterday to increase grain purchases during the next year if it wants to.

Assistant Agriculture Secretary Dale Hathaway said that Moscow was told that it could buy 15 million metric tons of wheat and corn without further consultation with Washington.

Mr. Hathaway and other Agriculture Department officials met yesterday with a Soviet delegation headed by B.S. Gordey, deputy minister of foreign trade.

The meeting was the second this year under terms of the agreement calling for two such conferences annually to keep both countries informed of each other's agricultural situation. This is the third year of the purchase agreement.

Mr. Hathaway said that he also told the Russians that the United States could make available "additional quantities" of grain over the 15 million tons specified, if Moscow wants to.

A year ago the Agriculture Department also informed Moscow that it could buy 15 million tons of grain in the year that ended Sept. 30. The Russians bought about 14.8 million tons.

The agreement calls for the Soviet Union to buy a minimum of 6 million tons of U.S. wheat and corn each year and up to 8 million tons without further talks. If more than that is wanted, Moscow must get approval from the Agriculture Department.

Mr. Hathaway said that the Russians did not indicate how much grain over the minimum they might buy in 1978-79. They did say, however, that they intended to abide by the pact's minimum purchase requirement.

The Russians, he said, "clearly are interested in buying the U.S. as a continuing supplier of grain." He said that he thought they were "likely to buy above the minimum levels" in the coming year.

In a related development, the de-

Khrushchev Remembered As Crude and Ineffectual

MOSCOW, Oct. 12 (AP) — Some Russians still place small bunches of flowers on his grave, but time has not been kind to the memory of Nikita Khrushchev, deposed by colleagues in the Communist Party 14 years ago this weekend.

Visitors to the grave in a corner of Novodevichy Cemetery are quick to move on, almost embarrassed to be seen at the gravesite of the former premier and party chief whose memory has been tarnished and without official tribute.

"The only thing I can say is that he left no one indifferent," Khrushchev's computer-engineer son, Sergei, said at his father's simple funeral in 1971. "There are people who love him, and people who hate him, but no one can pass him by without turning to look."

Khrushchev's widow, Nina Petrovna, now 78, lives on a small pension in a villa outside of Moscow. Their daughter, Rada, is still deeply editor-in-chief of the magazine *Science and Life*, the job she held when the other leaders of the party met secretly in Moscow on Oct. 14, 1964, to purge her father while he was vacationing on the Black Sea.

Became Premier in '58

Khrushchev had been first secretary of the party since 1953 and premier since 1958. Leonid Brezhnev succeeded him as party chief and now has been in power three years longer than his predecessor. The purged leader died at 77 in peaceful obscurity.

Khrushchev's de-Stalinization program, which started three years after the death of Stalin in 1953, especially deserves to be remembered by the historians. Soviet intellectuals say, "For that alone, the country should forgive him," one of them said.

But many Russians are slow to remember Khrushchev's achievements and quick to recall his failures.

"Khrushchev?" replied a woman when asked her feelings toward him. "He was the guy who wanted to plant corn everywhere, and then everything went to hell."

Most persons interviewed re-

Russians Tell How to Grow More Wheat

MOSCOW, Oct. 12 (AP) — The fields may soon be alive with the sound of music now that Soviet scientists have discovered they can improve their wheat crop by playing a 10-minute high-frequency concert for it.

Tass reported that experiments under way at Leningrad's Nikolai Vavilov plant-breeding institute have already demonstrated that the music can promote frost resistance, increase yield by as much as three times, and stimulate more rapid germination.

Professor Vladimir Dorojev, head of the wheat department of the institute, said the high-frequency sound waves are one way of insuring healthy wheat in extreme circumstances.

The joint project is part of U.S.-Soviet cooperation in the field of energy and is viewed by U.S. officials as one of the more successful among 11 bilateral cooperative arrangements concluded four years ago.

By providing a component to the already existing Soviet facility, the United States shares fully in the results of the experiment. U.S. experts have full access to the Soviet facility.

Expresso Machine

Looking like a giant espresso machine, the plant is now idle, many of its shiny steel and red-painted parts stripped for repairs and changes. It will start up again late next month using a piece of machinery developed and provided by the U.S. Department of Energy to help prove the concept of magnetohydrodynamics.

The U.S. machine is the largest superconducting magnet ever made, a cylindrical piece of hardware so fragile and so heavy (40 tons) that it was flown here in a Lockheed C-5 aircraft from Chicago's Argonne National Laboratory, where it was built last year.

The U.S. magnet is one of two that form the heart of this experimental plant. The other magnet is of Soviet manufacture and is made of pure iron weighing 2,000 tons. It dwarfs its U.S. counterpart.

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Impossible to Copy

The magnet, which is on loan to the Soviet Union, has been constructed in a way that it is virtually impossible for the Russians to disassemble it, or copy its precise design, according to sources familiar with the project.

By shipping the magnet to Moscow, the United States is said to have saved an estimated \$40 million which would have been required to duplicate the Soviet facility.

Magnetohydrodynamics is a concept that has long been known, but never put into use until the Russians started a tiny pilot plant six years ago alongside the Moscow River. Sited near the Kremlin, this plant generates 2,000 kilowatts of electricity used in part to light up the Kremlin walls at night.

The smaller plant goes under the ironic name of U-2, recalling the U.S. spy plane that figured prominently in one of the low points of U.S.-Soviet relations. The larger plant is called U-25 (U is the first letter in the Russian word for facility), meaning that it has the potential for generating 25,000 kilowatts.

So far, U-25 has produced a little more than 20,000 kilowatts each of the dozen or so times it has been run. That may not sound like much, but it is remarkable for a piece of machinery so new and so complex. It also is enough to light up a small town.

Naturally Inefficient

Electric power plants are notoriously inefficient, burning oil, gas and coal in prodigious quantities around the world. As much as 70 percent of the heat generated by these burning fuels is lost in the boilers where steam is made in the turbines where it is utilized and out the stack when it is discharged.

Magnetohydrodynamics promises to cut that loss in half and extend the life of oil, gas and coal supplies by an equal percentage.

There is nothing easy about turning up such a plant, as the engineers here at the Institute of High Temperature know quite well.

First, natural gas is burned in huge burners that are force-fed a pressurized mix of air and pure oxygen to drive temperatures up as high as 5,000 degrees Fahrenheit. Among the dead were 10 crew members, all burned beyond identification, the spokesman said. The cause of the explosion, believed to have taken place in the boiler room, is being investigated.

In Joint Effort With U.S.

Russians Work to Increase Fuel Output

By Thomas O'Toole

MOSCOW, Oct. 12 (WP) — On the outskirts of this city lies a unique experimental power plant that could buy the industrialized world another 10 years in learning how to deal with the growing shortage of oil and natural gas.

The plant is the only one on earth making use of a phenomenon called magnetohydrodynamics (MHD) to extract more electricity out of the heat generated by burning fuels such as natural gas. Still experimental, the Soviet plant has been producing electricity, when it has been running for the last two years.

"We have not kept a record of how many kilowatts hours we have produced," Dr. Yevgeny Shchekov, deputy director of the Soviet Academy of Sciences' Institute of High Temperatures told touring U.S. journalists the other day, "but we have successfully run this plant for several thousand hours generating as much as 20,000 kilowatts."

Western Media Barred

Guru's Free-Sex Doctrine Worries Image-Shy India

By William Borders

ship of Indira Gandhi's regime, and foreign newspaper and magazine reporters here are free to operate without restriction.

But the government still screens the applications of foreigners planning documentary television coverage. In recent months it has turned down not only the requests from people interested in Rajneesh, but also an application from Thames Television, a British independent company, to make a 30-minute film on the hills southwest of Bombay.

They stay, as paying guests, for weeks or months at a time, striving for enlightenment under the tutelage of Rajneesh, who has a long beard and penetrating eyes and is fond of saying things like, "Sex is divine and has the direction of God in it," urging his disciples to "do whatever you feel like doing."

The objection to the guru's sexual expression as one way of achieving spiritual peace, for example, is that the government is not the only one who is fond of saying things like, "Sex is divine and has the direction of God in it," urging his disciples to "do whatever you feel like doing."

"It is felt that the preparation of the ashram would not reflect favorably on India's image abroad," Information Minister L.K. Advani explained in Parliament, disclosing that India had turned down visa applications from reporters and crews representing the British Broadcasting Corporation and the Spanish national television.

A spokesman for the guru replied that the ban on him was "ridiculous and obviously cannot be effectively enforced."

"The minister of information has exposed the ashram — and the image of spiritual India — to grave risks of distortion," he said. "It just creates difficulties for highly respectable organizations, like the BBC, who would prefer to come here with the government's blessing, but it leaves the rest of the field wide open."

The ashram also began advising foreign television journalists how to defy the government ban by posing as tourists when they apply for visas. In general, the press in India is now very free by third world standards, after the rigid censorship.

U.S. Must Repay \$400 Million to Virgin Islands

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (AP) — Robert Griffin, fired in July from his No. 2 post at the General Services Administration, has demanded that the GSA return notes and telephone logs he left behind, and has threatened to sue if the papers are turned over to fraud investigators.

These are private documents, Mr. Griffin's lawyer, William Dailey, said last night. A letter sent Tuesday to GSA Administrator Jay Solomon by Mr. Griffin asks return of the materials within three days, adding that "if you allow my property to be examined without due process . . . I will feel free to file appropriate legal action."

Mr. Griffin told Mr. Solomon that he had learned that the agency "intends to confiscate my property for the purpose of an internal investigation, the purpose of which is unknown to me."

Mr. Dailey said that Mr. Griffin does not know which papers are sought by investigators at the GSA, where several government agencies are probing allegations of fraud which they say could total \$60 million to \$100 million a year.

26 Drown in India

NEW DELHI, Oct. 12 (UPI) — Twenty-six persons drowned Tuesday when a sailboat sank in a river near Sawai Madhopur, 200 miles southwest of here. All India Radio reported today.

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Fuel Out



HAVE A HAPPY DAY — These men clad in "happi" coats are not walking on water, but demonstrating 300-year-old techniques of Japan log-rolling as they cross a river in Tokyo. To display their skill, they lift a member of the Kakunori Hozonkai group in a sedan chair.

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Obituaries

Steptoe Pushes 'Tube' Babies in U.S.

Offers to Train American Doctors

By Victor Cohn

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (UPI)

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The Street Called Straight

Now that Egyptian and Israeli diplomats are meeting in Blair House, in Washington, to decide the fate of territories that once were the imperial roadways of pharaohs, kings and caliphs, there is a strong possibility that there will be another conference of Arab states, about the fate of Lebanon. And the two meetings, however far apart in geography and historical context, will surely have deep impressions on one another.

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For what happens in Lebanon has an urgent meaning for Israelis. If, at last, Moslem and Christian can return to peaceful coexistence in Lebanon, it will convey a moral to all the Middle East: that differences of religion and culture may be argued out, but should not be shot out. And if Lebanese Christian fears of Syrian ambitions for a Greater Syria that will incorporate their land are resolved by negotiation, it will give hope to whatever may be talked about in, or flow from, Blair House. Finally, if there is some solution, including acceptable restraints, for the situation of the Palestinian exiles in Lebanon, it will do much to stabilize the Lebanese-Israeli frontier and diminish the raids and counter-raids which have done so much to keep the Lebanese pot-a-boiling. It will not, of course, provide a real answer to the issue of the West Bank or the Gaza Strip, but it might give some hints in that direction.

If the Arab meeting takes place in Damascus it should not be forgotten that in that ancient city is what St. Luke described a "street which is called Straight." Mark Twain, visiting Syria about a century ago, commented that that was "a fine piece of irony; it is the only facetious remark in the Bible." The street called Straight was

"straighter than a corkscrew, but not as straight as a rainbow."

This play on words does not have implications solely for diplomacy conducted in Damascus. In Washington, the White House (and Blair House is across the street from it) is connected with the Capitol by a fine, broad street, that, to all appearances, is straight and direct: Pennsylvania Avenue. But everyone is fully aware, now that Congress is trying to close out its session without closing out its appeal to November's voters, that common sense has a great deal of difficulty in navigating between the presidential mansion and the legislature's temple. In other words, a street does not have to be misnamed "Straight" in a city where a diplomatic meeting is being held to have people realize that the ironies of fiction and the tensions of emotion can do great damage to the human interest the diplomats are trying to reconcile.

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So whether the diplomats, in their odd moments, contemplate a street called Straight or one called Pennsylvania Avenue, they cannot afford to forget the real concerns they are seeking to advance. Lebanon is in most urgent need of peace within itself; it is only a slight extension to point out that what Christian and Moslem need there, Arab and Israeli need in the Middle East as a whole. It is those goals that must be sought directly, through the web of historical, religious and purely selfish desires that influence so many events in the Middle East. Whether in Blair House, Damascus, or wherever leaders gather to solve difficulties by words instead of blows, it is the straight street that must be sought—not the street called Straight.

A Simple No to Unesco

In the name of press freedom, which few of them actually practice, a majority of the world's governments are trying once again to prescribe a code of conduct for the mass media. This foolish effort to codify the irreconcilable values of different political systems almost destroyed the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization two years ago. A more delicately worded declaration this year will not avert that risk. There are many things on which the Western nations should compromise their interests to promote international cooperation and understanding, but the definition of their most precious rights is not one of them.

The proposed Unesco declaration would not enhance the rights or opportunities of a single writer or broadcaster anywhere. For all its talk of "free" and "objective" information, what it really champions is something called "balance"—as defined by the declarers, who are governments. On the declarer side, the document would forever be rhetorical and unenforceable. But by presuming also to describe the "obligations" and "duties" of the media, it would predictably be the pretext for the harassment of native journalists in many nations and for the arrest or deportation of foreign correspondents. The censors and repressors of the world need no such pretext, of course; but that is no reason why the truly open societies should help supply it through respected world agency.

The declaration would summon the mass media to combat "war propaganda," which in the Soviet Union can be nothing more than a discussion of military doctrines. It would call upon the media to assist in campaigns against "racialism," which a majority of the United Nations once equated with Zionism. It would declare it the duty of the media to disseminate the "versions of facts."

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International Opinion

China and the West

There is nothing to be gained by Chinese warmth if all it does is to produce greater uneasiness in Moscow and probably worse. Such anxiety might be enough to destabilize the already delicate base of understanding founded on agreements such as SALT. This must remain the crux of world peace and no kind of Chinese advocacy should be allowed to disturb it.

On the other hand, it will do no harm to let Moscow see that the Western alliance has an interest in cultivating China as a counterbalance to rising Soviet power in Europe and elsewhere. It is wrong to make the Soviet Union feel frightened and resentful; it is right to induce caution in Moscow by increasing the likelihood that trouble on one border could mean trouble on two. Sales of defensive weapons to China pose no threat to Soviet

security but they could marginally and indirectly contribute to Western security.

Moreover, just as European statesmen make their own judgments over the nature of the Soviet threat without reference to or much influence from China's reiterated fears, so European governments can make their own judgments of how far supplying arms to China will seriously touch Soviet nerves—as distinct from provoking angry, self-justifying protest.

Europe's action can be less disturbing than any U.S. action. In the immediate future, however, the care needed must also be influenced by the likelihood of a change in the Soviet leadership with Mr. Brezhnev's failing health. Any present cooperation with China would have its limits but within them there is ample room for trust and profit on both sides.

—From the Times (London).

In the International Edition

Seventy-Five Years Ago

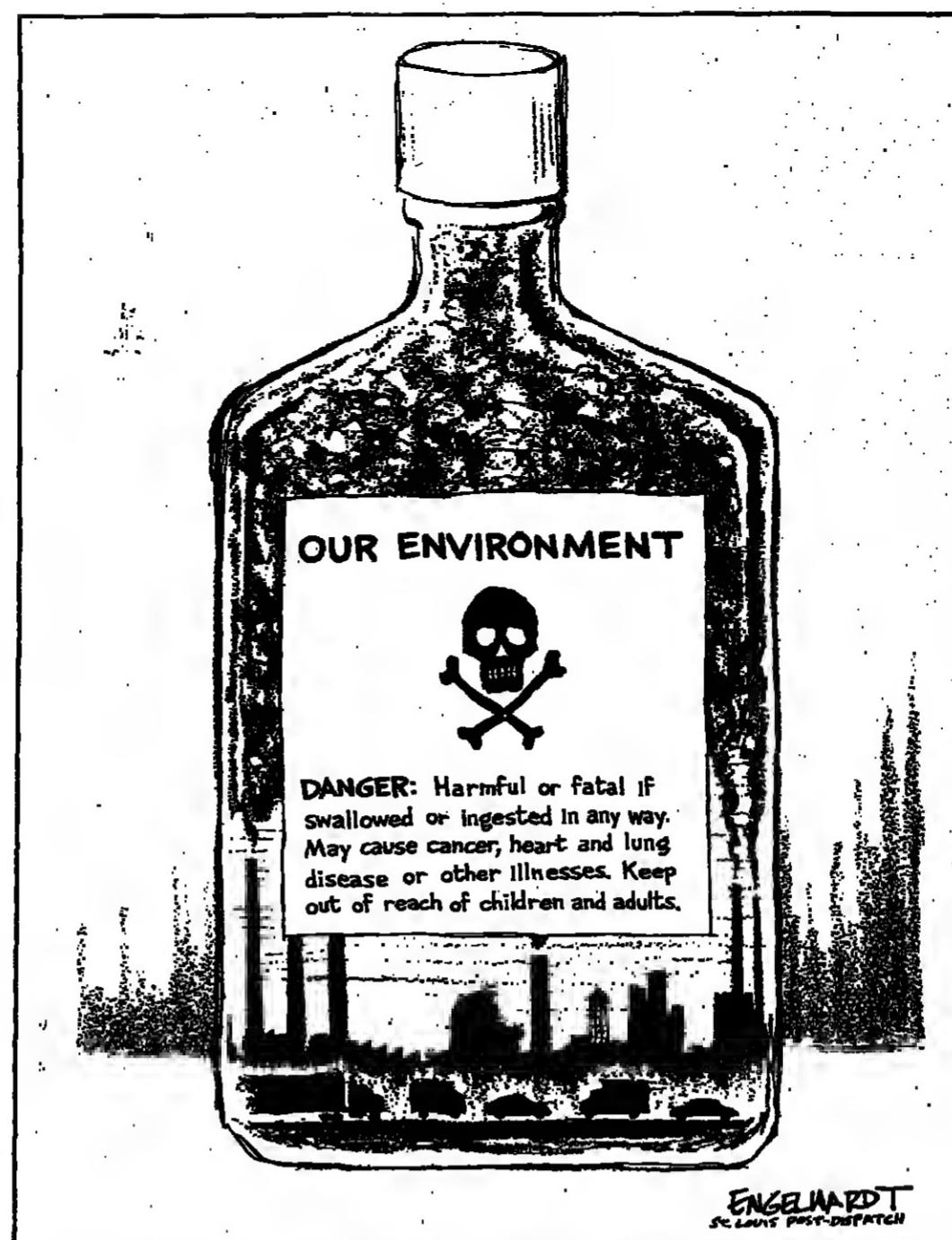
October 13, 1903

NEW YORK — The New York Evening Post says: "For two days now the editors of the great morning papers have had testimony as to the massive swindles involved in the formation of the Shipyard Trust. With one exception all have held their peace. They remain detached from all filthy trades, consumed rather with that genteel detachment taught by the younger journalists. The old school of journalists, however, is likely to inquire whether the news is not really worth a penstroke. It should be shown if the newspapers still have any duty in guiding public opinion."

Fifty Years Ago

October 13, 1928

PARIS — The Immortals can now rise up. The Immortals are those dignified gentlemen who compose the French Academy. What they can rise up in is their new elevator, which was inaugurated yesterday under the cupola where the learned gentlemen assemble and pass on words and literature. While they can, few, however, yesterday did. The first hearty, M. Bertrand, entered the iron-cage and was soon followed by a workmen, who to a nervous entreaty assured M. Bertrand it could hold them both. Thus rose the first Immortal, in a ceremony simple and without rhetoric.



Polish-Czech Link Nipped

By Leopold Unger

BRUSSELS — This time the police were there in time, and they brought friends. Radio cars were lying in wait, hidden in the woods, and detectives were ambling about among the numerous tourists at the Peak of Giants on this October Sunday on the border between Poland and Czechoslovakia.

The combined operation of Czech and Polish police turned out to be a total success.

The third encounter of a very special kind between delegates of the Polish Workers Self Defense Committee (created after the strikes of June, 1976) and emissaries of the Czechoslovak Charter 77 movement, (formed in January of last year to demand civil rights) did not take place.

The members of both rights groups were arrested near the resort of Karpacz, even before reaching the "Path of Polish-Czechoslovak Friendship," a long stretch near the border where citizens of both countries usually meet without going through usual formalities and where the police are less punctilious than elsewhere along the frontier.

This time, however, the police were more conscientious than ever. Adam Michnik and Jan Litynski, two leaders of the Polish group, were arrested on their side of the frontier and released 48 hours later in Warsaw. Jaroslav Sabata, one of the three spokesmen for the Charter 77 group, is still in prison in Prague, charged with resisting arrest.

The combined operation of the two police forces was not really a surprise. What is astonishing is that representatives of the democratic movements of these two Communist countries were able to meet twice before without great difficulty.

The first meeting took place in the Tatra mountains of Czechoslovakia last August for the 10th anniversary of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact invasion of that country. This unprecedented event signified the desire of both movements to cooperate and coordinate their activities and also to give this cooperation a quasi-institutional status. A communiqué following that meeting declared that the parties had discussed "various forms of cooperation."

The two organizations began operating immediately. At the request of the Prague group, the Polish movement informed the Western press of an appeal made in favor of three Czechoslovak democrats who were sentenced to prison in August for having disseminated the text of Charter 77.

Letters Published

Last month, a second meeting was held between the dissidents of the two countries. This time, the delegates decided to set up working committees, to exchange information on a regular basis and to issue joint declarations. At the end of this conference, they published an open letter, signed by both groups, expressing solidarity with "those who stand up for the rights of man in East Germany, Soviet Armenia, Bulgaria, Estonia, Soviet Georgia, Hungary, Lithuania, the Soviet Union, Romania and the Ukraine."

Furthermore, the democratic groups of both nations also agreed to organize "an international political seminar on the significance of independent initiatives in the countries of Eastern Europe." That, probably, was more than the authorities could take. The joint action of democratic groups within

highly vulnerable to infection from the Polish example and which feel threatened by it. Internal and external pressures are very strong and the only Comicon that really works is the police Comecon. The dissidents' idea of holding an international seminar and their goal of internationalizing the opposition in Eastern Europe may well have been the straw that broke the camel's back.

If this is really what did it, then we can expect both Polish and Czech authorities are constantly trying to pressure the Polish government to bear down more severely on dissidents. Ideological issues (the euphemism used in Eastern Europe to designate repression of dissidence) have been high on the agenda of every meeting between Czech and Polish officials.

Vasyl Bilak, the Czech Communist Party's sinister No. 2 man, who is responsible for "ideology," and his aides in charge of propaganda, have often discussed with their Polish counterparts the need to reinforce the "unity of the international Communist movement."

The combined police operation at the Peak of Giants was part of this effort. What remains unclear is what extent this "ideological cooperation" with Czechoslovakia may change in the prudent and cautious policy that Poland has observed toward the 25 clandestine publications—which publish a total of more than 50,000 copies—as well as to the Free University where such subjects as history and sociology are taught, subjects that are banned in the official schools. In addition to all this, there is the uneasy Catholic Church which, in a recent pastoral letter read throughout the country, has demanded an end to censorship, the very basic of any Communist authority.

This type of situation would be intolerable and unthinkable for Czech authorities, as well as for those in the Soviet Union or East Germany, countries which neighbor upon Poland, which are under strict control and which are very much exposed to ideological contamination.

A Polish intellectual confided recently: "We don't really know how much longer we will be able to live in Poland as in a sort of oasis of tolerance (everything is relative) surrounded by countries that are

on in the country, or to impose a rational order on society. This is particularly serious in Europe, it seems to me, since civilization has always been transmitted by that rational order."

Personally, I agree with Marx and Lenin, this much at least, that without discipline, without cohesion, without respect for the laws and strong-willed leaders in authority, no country can run at all (at least according to any minimum standard.)

The experience I have had of intellectuals at modern universities is that many of them are way ahead of the authorities in their thinking and in their understanding of our age. Technocrats, by and large, do not understand the trends, and being very conservative, they block progress; and have blocked it for the past 30 years, with serious results. They have the power, but they do not use it for a constructive purpose, that is to drive the country towards some positive aims in the future. Because of all this, all the creative energies in each country have been dammed up, and we are all prevented from going forward.

JEROME MINOT,
New York

Vance to Pretoria: Mission Impossible?

By Anthony Lewis

BOSTON — The diplomatic performance of Cyrus Vance in recent weeks has won admiration from professionals and increasing recognition from a public usually drawn to more glittering figures. His vital role at Camp David was generously acknowledged by President Carter. Since then he has brought the SALT negotiations near to agreement and dealt sensitively with the Lebanese crisis—among many items on a grinding schedule.

This weekend Vance is off on a mission that will test his skill and stamina to the full. He is going to South Africa to talk with its new government about the future of Namibia. To many, that will seem a dim and distant subject. But in its way the Namibian question is as urgent as anything on the secretary of state's agenda.

But that is hardly a realistic suggestion. The election itself will not be accepted as free or fair by the West. To this day South Africa has not pulled one of its soldiers out of Namibia, or released political prisoners as promised in the agreed plan. Under those conditions, and with most parties boycotting it, the election will be a virtually unanimous victory for the party backed by South Africa, the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance.

The South Africans surely know that such an exercise will not be credible to anyone except the crooked. They must know also that as a result, even moderate African states will be more inclined to support guerrilla activity, and that the chances of direct Cuban involvement will increase. Why, they would both and his colleagues proceed on that course? The answer must be that they believe South Africa is now essentially invulnerable to pressure from either black Africa or the West. Or rather, they are convinced that the pressure will consist largely of words, not actions. And they have some reason for the belief.

Reality

The other day Zambia decided to use Rhodesian railways again to ship copper out through South Africa and bring fertilizer in from there. The move demonstrated the reality of South Africa's economic leverage on the continent—and the difficulty the black states would have totally cutting ties with it. As to the Western powers, South Africa seems confident now that they will not allow economic sanctions against investment or other supplies. The belief is that they count too much on trade with South Africa—Britain notably but also France and West Germany—and so would veto any sanctions resolution in the UN Security Council.

That calculation, for all its plausibility, could be wrong. The five Western countries worked together with rare commitment in the Namibian contact group precisely because they think an explosion in southern Africa would entangle their interests as well as Africa's.

Now they must convince Botha that their policy is more than words. The responsibility will rest especially on Vance. Perhaps, meeting that quiet man, Botha will see in him South Africa's best hope, gaining the U.S. understanding they truly crave.

A Writer-Witness From Iran

By Colman McCarthy

WAshington — It isn't often that you meet a person who is putting his life on the line for freedom of speech. But that is what Gholam-Hossein Sa'edi is about to do—by returning to his homeland.

He is an Iranian author, playwright and psychiatrist, who in past years has been imprisoned, tortured and harassed by the government of Iran. News reports regularly tell of the country's turmoil. At the moment, Sa'edi is in the United States arranging with Random House for the publication of several of his books. Invited by the Association of American Publishers, he has been meeting with a number of U.S. writers who gladly befriended him as victims of dictatorship or juntas around the world.

Sa'edi, called by The New York Times "Iran's most popular writer," has been heartened by the unexpectedly strong support he has found among U.S. authors and publishers for his work and beliefs. He could easily absorb this fraternity and remain indefinitely in this country to enjoy a pleasant exile.

But he rejects that. He will return to Tehran to risk facing whatever dangers or punishments the Iranian secret police may choose to inflict.

Sympathy in the United States for this particular writer—a portly man of 43 who speaks softly and

Americans is why return to chaotic Iran when he has a haven here. He admits that he could quietly settle in, do some teaching and writing, and live well.

Social Suicide

"But for me" he says, "being away from my country is social and cultural suicide. The source of my creativity is from the atmosphere that I am in, in which I have grown, if you take a plant from its roots, it dries up."

How will Sa'edi fare when he returns to Iran? The Washington Post reported last week that "in the past 20 years hundreds of Iranian students abroad who were accused of taking part in foreign demonstrations against the shah were arrested when they came home. Many were jailed for up to seven years." Of late, though, with the country now under martial law, the shah facing the most organized opposition in his 25-year reign, the government has promised a liberalization to bring on a new day of "political freedoms and social justice." Amnesty has been declared for many political prisoners.

Either way, Sa'edi is about to take his chances. His treatment will tell much about the government's new sincerity.

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Coffee, 1 lb., U.S. cents	1.55
TEXTILES	1.76
Prinloms 6x6 30% yd.....	0.44
METALS	0.44
Steel billets 1/2 ton.....	317.80
Iron 2 Ply, Phila., ton.....	314.76
Steel scrap No. Hwy Pmt.....	72.75
Led. Lead, 1 lb., U.S. cents	1.00
Alum. 1 lb., U.S. cents.....	44.70
Tin (Ingot).....	2,249
Zinc, E. S. L., Boston, D.....	5,882
Silver, N.Y. oz.....	37.35
Gold, N.Y. oz.....	228.00
COMMODITY indices	158.50
House's Commodity Index 100 Dec. 31, 1971	97.60
October 12, 1978	97.60

p = Preliminary
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MAINE POTATOES	20,000 lbs.; cents per lb.
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Mar 5.40	5.05
Apr 5.40	5.45
May 5.30	5.30
June 5.30	5.30
July 5.30	5.30
Aug 5.30	5.30
Sept 5.30	5.30
Oct 5.30	5.30

Est. sales: 3,969; sales Wed., 1,790.

Total open interest Wed., 30,963 up 453 from Tues.

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(Yesterdays closing prices in local currencies)

Amsterdam [G.N.B.] 1.22

Gulden 1.40

Albert Heijn 1.40

Neusiedl 0.80

U.S. Impex 0.80

A'Dorn Rub 0.84

Mark & Son 0.84

Hofkamer 0.75

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West Drift 2.61

Winters 2.61

West Min 1.44

Brussels [G.N.B.] 0.72

Weworth 0.72

ZCI 0.16

Milan

1.22

Guilano 1.40

Neusiedl 1.40

Albert Heijn 1.40

Neusiedl 0.80

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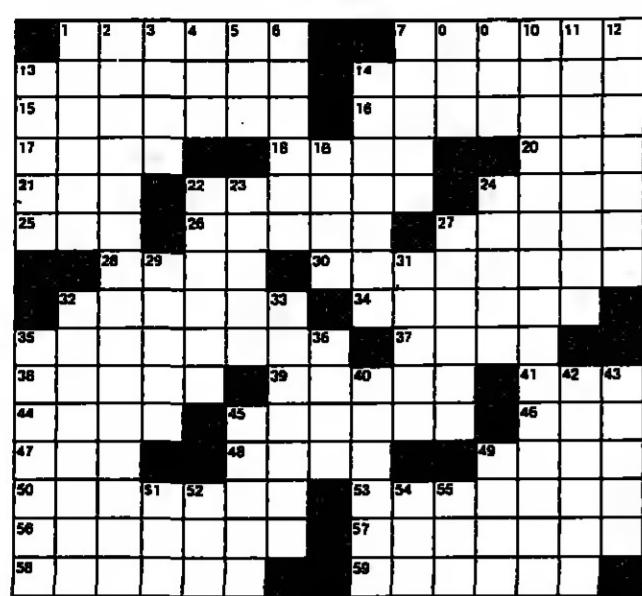
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CROSSWORD By Eugene T. Maleska



ACROSS

- 1 Popinjays
- 7 Wrangle
- 13 Speech loss
- 14 Comanect asset
- 15 Extreme: rigorous
- 16 American wildcats
- 17 Recent
- 18 Classify
- 20 "Sea of troubles"
- 21 Give a leg up
- 22 Norway lobsters
- 24 Musical finale
- 25 Princess driven mad by Hera
- 26 Handel's birthplace
- 27 A founder of Impressionism
- 28 Four seasons
- 30 N.F.L. team
- 32 — around (indulged in tomfoolery)
- 34 De Sade's thing
- 35 Having shutters
- 37 Tasty treat in Taxco
- 38 Rodrigo Diaz de Bivar
- 39 Saul, in Salzburg

DOWN

- 1 Twist, as a wrist
- 2 Thingumbob or thingumajig
- 3 Naturalness
- 4 Landing craft
- 5 Year in Claudius's reign
- 6 Of religious rites
- 7 Supports
- 8 O'Neill play
- 9 Lone Eagle's monogram
- 10 Thinker: brain
- 11 Muslim call to prayer
- 12 Asparagus shoots
- 13 Sgt. or cpl.
- 14 —-prus
- 15 Backup men for Gladys Knight
- 16 Idi of Uganda
- 17 Interweaves
- 18 Coming down in buckets
- 19 Leaflike appendage
- 20 Nautical ropes
- 21 — the Truth," TV show
- 22 Has a phobia
- 23 More uncommon
- 24 Infant's ailment
- 25 General's display
- 26 Sam of N.C.
- 27 ... Pumpkin-
- 28 ... "
- 29 ... "Pumpkin-
- 30 ... "
- 31 ... "Pumpkin-
- 32 Cling; grasp for support
- 33 Loathe
- 34 Most barren
- 35 Recompte
- 36 Reacted to a surprise
- 37 Tops in bakeries
- 38 Fireplace gadget
- 39 Incantation
- 40 Scottie forte
- 41 Pongid or mandrill
- 42 — de sac
- 43 Item for a skiff
- 44 Suffix with press or fail

WEATHER

	C P	MADRID	C F
ALCARVE	22 72	Fair	Cloudy
AMSTERDAM	23 72	Mist	Mist
ANKARA	24 72	Cloudy	Cloudy
ATHENS	25 72	MILAN	Cloudy
BEIRUT	26 72	MONTREAL	Cloudy
BELGRADE	27 72	MOSCOW	Overcast
BERLIN	28 72	MUNICH	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	29 72	MUSI	Mist
BUCHAREST	30 72	NEW YORK	Cloudy
BUDAPEST	31 72	NICE	Fair
CASABLANCA	32 72	OSLO	Fog
COPENHAGEN	33 72	PARIS	Fair
COSTA DEL SOL	34 72	PRAQUE	Fog
DUBLIN	35 72	ROME	Cloudy
EDINBURGH	36 72	SOFIA	Mist
FLORENCE	37 72	STOCKHOLM	Mist
FRANKFURT	38 72	TEHRAN	Fog
GENEVA	39 72	TEL AVIV	Mist
HELSINKI	40 72	TOKYO	Mist
ISTANBUL	41 72	TUNIS	Fog
LAS PALMAS	42 72	VIEENNA	Mist
LISBON	43 72	WARSAW	Mist
LONDON	44 72	WASHINGTON	Fog
LOS ANGELES	45 72	ZURICH	Mist

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BANK JULIUS BAER & CO Ltd:

(d) Barabord	SF 711.00	(w) Alpender Fund	\$7.45
(d) Conbor	SF 640.00	(d) Fruter Im. Pct. IAE/Ft.	\$7.70
(d) Gfobor	SF 370.00	(d) Austria Select Pct.	\$1.58
(d) Steckbor	SF 714.00	(w) Bandesex - Iss. Pr.	\$F 722.00
BANDES VON ERNST & CIE:		(d) Capital Gold Inv.	\$18.00

B.I.G. Fund:

(d) Crossbow Fund	SF 15.24	(d) Capital Reninvest	LF 1422.00
(d) D.I.T.Fund H.V.	\$8.83	(d) Caribica Open-End Fund	\$185.00
(d) D.I.T.Fund H.W.	\$8.83	(d) Cleveland Office Fund	\$185.00

B.R.I.T.N.I.H. Fund:

(d) Int'l High Interest Trust	\$5.54	(d) Convert, Int'l A. Certs	\$2.97
(d) Int'l High Interest Trust	\$0.97	(d) Convert, Int'l A. Certs	\$2.97
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CAPITAL INTERNATIONAL:

(d) Capital Int'l Fund	\$19.21	(d) Dollar Fund (ex-Ovidia)	\$0.23
(d) Convertible Capital S.A.	\$19.21	(d) Dovres Fund	\$1.94
(d) Dovres Fund	\$30.00	(d) Future Austral Fund	\$0.95

CREDIT SUISSE:

(d) Actions Suisses	SF 270.00	(d) Dravina International	LF 1188.00
(d) Consors	SF 353.00	(d) First Eagle Fund	\$4142.99
(d) C.S. Bonds-Int'l	SF 52.23	(d) First Fund	\$2.95
(d) Energie-Vador	SF 62.25	(d) First Fund	\$2.95
(d) Euroco-Vador	SF 104.33	(d) Fendollo	\$1244

DIT INVESTMENT FRANKFURT:

(d) Concordra	DM 22.50	(d) Global Inv Fund	DM 7.54
(d) Int'l Reinvest	DM 70.25	(d) Houseman Hides, NV	\$3.82

FIDELITY (BERMUDA):

(d) Fidelity Amer. Assets	\$29.00	(d) I. Fund	\$11.46
(d) Fidelity Inv Fund	\$25.29	(d) Indusus Multiunds	\$10.36
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JARDINE FLEMING:

(d) Jardine Japan Fund	\$97.21	(d) Klemmert Benson Int'l F.	\$12.50
(d) Jardine S.Eas Asia	\$97.21	(d) Lazard Frères Inv Fund	\$12.50

LLOYDS BANK INT'L POB 438 GENEVA 11

(d) Lloyds Bank Int'l Growth Fund	SF 31.25	(d) Medallion Sel. Fund	\$1.19
(d) Lloyds Bank Inv Fund	SF 15.95	(d) Neurith Inv Fund	\$2.14
(d) Lloyds Bank Inv Fund	SF 15.95	(d) Nippon Fund	\$2.47
(d) Lloyds Bank Inv Fund	SF 15.95	(d) Nor. Amer. Bond Fd	\$3.76
(d) Lloyds Bank Inv Fund	SF 15.95	(d) Putman Inv Fund	\$3.76

ROTHSCHILD ASSET MGMT (Bermuda):

(d) Reserve Assets Fd Ltd.	\$0.10	(d) Renfud Inv Fund	LF 17.57
(d) Securis Inv Fund	SF 1.264.80	(d) Setra Fund	\$5.25

SWISS BANK CORP:

(d) America-Vador	SF 392.20	(d) Setra Fund	\$10.63
(d) Bond Invest.	SF 39.75	(d) Semper Fund	\$10.63
(d) Bond Invest.	SF 39.75	(d) Share International N.Y.	\$4.68
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UNION BANK OF SWITZERLAND:

(d) Amico U.S.Sh.	SF 20.25	(d) Share International N.Y.	\$4.68
(d) Bond Invest.	SF 20.25	(d) Share International N.Y.	\$4.68
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